**Mythbusters – “It’s Hard to Write Laws”**

Truth or Myth? Based on what you may have heard or read which of the following statements would YOU rate as “truth” and which statement would YOU rate as “myth”?

Truth Myth

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. In the United States every difficult problem must be solved by Congress \_\_\_\_\_

through the process of writing a law.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. In order to make a bill a law: a majority of members of Congress must be \_\_\_\_\_

present on the floor to vote on it.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Only members of Congress can write and introduce bills to Congress. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. When new laws are passed they normally never affect other laws. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. The specific words used in legislation affect large numbers of people. \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_** 6. Interest groups, constituents, the President and fellow members of Congress \_\_\_\_\_

are interested in the specific words used to write a law.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. As a result of compromise while debating legislation, laws often lose there \_\_\_\_\_

meaning and must be interpreted by judges and/or those who carry out the laws.